

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** water is our most valuable natural resource; and

**WHEREAS,** tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and

**WHEREAS,** any measure of a successful society - low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity, and public safety - are in some way related to access to safe water; and

**WHEREAS,** we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations depend; and

**WHEREAS,** each citizen of our state is called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, practice water conservation, and get involved in local water issues;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2012 as

**DRINKING WATER WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2012.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor